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NNPHI Facilitated Sessions and Events:

Monday, October 25, 2021

2:30 PM – 2:45 PM

Session 3107.0: [Training and supporting local public health departments to change community-wide narratives on the causal link between ACEs and substance use](#)

Presenter: National Network of Public Health Institutes and Michigan Public Health Institute

Location: Virtual

Abstract: The National Network of Public Health Institutes and the Michigan Public Health Institute, in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, local partners and Vanderbilt University, supported a three-year initiative to promote primary prevention of ACEs as a strategy to prevent future substance use in three midwestern communities. To build support for changing the conditions in which children and families live, community organizers, public health practitioners, and their partners implemented narrative change as a strategy and theory of change. This innovative partnership approach involved creating a shared, values-based narrative and implementing it within their networks to increase support for addressing conditions that contribute to ACEs and substance abuse. Community partners worked to disseminate their new narratives, from an emphasis on individual responsibility to a focus on conditions that may lessen the risk of ACEs, especially among populations that have faced historical and ongoing trauma, including racism. Narrative change as a strategy builds on secondary prevention efforts (e.g., treatment) and can bring needed action on comprehensive approaches supporting children and families.

Member Public Health Institute Facilitated Sessions and Events:

Thursday, October 21, 2021	
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM	<p>Session PS1003.0: Clinical Characteristics and Health-Related Quality of Life in Patients With and Without Chronic Pain Presenting for Medical Cannabis Treatment</p> <p>Member: Public Health Management Corporation</p> <p>Location: Virtual</p> <p>Abstract: Chronic pain adversely impacts quality of life and is one of the most common referring conditions for medical cannabis therapy. This pilot study compared differences in the clinical characteristics and health-related quality of life (HRQOL) of patients presenting with chronic pain for medical cannabis therapy compared to patients presenting with other conditions. Two-hundred participants (94.5% White) were recruited from three Pennsylvania dispensaries. Participants completed the Short Form Survey-36 prior to initiating medical cannabis and provided consent for research staff to access their dispensary records.</p>
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM	<p>Session PS1009.0: The Experience of Developing a Case Investigation and Contact Tracing System in Puerto Rico</p> <p>Member: Puerto Rico Public Health Trust</p> <p>Location: Virtual</p> <p>Abstract: March 2020 signaled the beginning of the spread of SARS-CoV-2 throughout Puerto Rico and the ensuing population health burden of this unprecedented pandemic. We developed and implemented surveillance initiatives to address the need to monitor and control the regional spread of SARS-CoV-2. This paper presents the coordination of events that occurred toward and the development of a Case Investigation and Contact Tracing System (CICTS) in Puerto Rico.</p>
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM	<p>Session PS1009.0: Distribution of SARS-COV-2 Infections and Factors that Could Influence the Appearance of COVID-19 Related Symptoms in Puerto Rico</p> <p>Member: Puerto Rico Public Health Trust</p> <p>Location: Virtual</p> <p>Abstract: We developed an epidemiological surveillance system to monitor and control the spread of SARS-CoV-2 infection in Puerto Rico. Analysis of this surveillance data can highlight key SARS-CoV-2 infection trends and provide possible disease mitigation measures. Objective: To describe the distribution of SARS-CoV-2 infection and possible COVID-19 related symptoms among patients in 12 Puerto Rican municipalities.</p>

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM	<p>Session PS1038.0: Social Connectedness as a Protective Factor for Mental Health among Transgender Pennsylvanians: Findings from Pennsylvania’s Statewide LGBTQ Health Needs Assessment</p> <p>Member: Public Health Management Corporation</p> <p>Location: Virtual</p> <p>Abstract: Transgender, non-binary, and genderqueer people experience mental health issues at higher rates than the general LGBTQ community, due to widespread experiences of discrimination and social rejection. Historically, transgender communities have not been counted in large health data systems. Data are critical to understanding transgender people’s mental health experiences and factors that support mental wellbeing. In spring 2020, the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Public Health Management Corporation and Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center administered the 2020 PA LGBTQ Health Needs Assessment.</p>
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM	<p>Session PS1024.0: Tobacco Use and Quit Motivation for Pennsylvania Free Quitline Callers During covid-19</p> <p>Member: Public Health Management Corporation</p> <p>Location: Virtual</p> <p>Abstract: The Pennsylvania Department of Health, Division of Tobacco Prevention and Control (DTPC) administers the PA Free Quitline (Quitline), providing free telephone counseling to tobacco users, and nicotine replacement therapy (NRT) to medically-eligible adults. Tobacco use data and demographic information, including gender, is collected at intake. This presentation will compare the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on callers’ interest in quitting tobacco and callers’ tobacco use by gender. National trends indicate that call volume has decreased by 27% during the Covid-19 pandemic (North American Quitline Consortium). An analysis of quit motivation could help contextualize fewer calls.</p>

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM	<p>Session PS1031.0: A Collaborative that Increased Molecular Testing of SARS-COV-2 Through a Clinical Laboratories Taskforce in Puerto Rico.</p> <p>Member: Puerto Rico Public Health Trust</p> <p>Location: Virtual</p> <p>Abstract: In March of 2020, the Puerto Rico Public Health Trust (PRPHT), a program of the Puerto Rico Science, Technology and Research Trust, in a collaboration with Ciencia Puerto Rico, Yale University, and a group of academic scientists joined forces to increase molecular testing, the gold standard detection for SARSCov-2 infections. The group then added persons from the Puerto Rico Dep of Health (PRDoH), the CDC Puerto Rico Branch and some clinical reference laboratories (Borinquen, Toledo, Immuno Reference, Quest, Inno-Diagnostics & Univ. of Puerto Rico Medical School). This group obtained positive and negative controls from Stanford, Yale, and NYU to validate their clinical Molecular tests. It advocated for needed reagents from corporations like Thermo Fisher and Roche Diagnostics. To educate the public on molecular testing, the group organized seminars, TV and radio interviews and disseminated information through press releases.</p>
12:30 PM – 2:00 PM	<p>Session PS1067.0: Abortion and Contraception: Improving the Linkages Between Sexual and Reproductive Health Settings and Substance Use Services Sites: An Innovative Research Project</p> <p>Member: Public Health Solutions</p> <p>Location: Virtual</p> <p>Abstract: PHS designed an innovative research project to address the increase in substance use across the US, by implementing partnerships to strengthening referral linkages between sexual and reproductive health (SRH) centers and substance use (SU) services sites.</p>
2:00 PM – 3:30 PM	<p>Session PS1070.0: Continuing Tobacco Control Advocacy Momentum in a Virtual World: An Evaluation of Virtual Statewide Events</p> <p>Member: Public Health Management Corporation</p> <p>Location: Virtual</p> <p>Abstract: In 2020, the Pennsylvania Alliance to Control Tobacco (PACT) held two virtual statewide events in response to the COVID-19 pandemic: the Annual Day at the Capitol (DATC), and the inaugural Vaping Prevention Summit, in coordination with the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the Pennsylvania Department of Drug & Alcohol Programs. At DATC, Pennsylvania advocates virtually met state legislators to gain support for maintaining level tobacco control funding. At the Vaping Prevention Summit, experts presented research, policy, and resources on the youth vaping epidemic. Evaluation data were collected during and after the events via online surveys. DATC advocates tracked outcomes of legislative visits in real time. Vaping Prevention Summit attendees provided feedback through individual session surveys. Following both events, feedback surveys captured attendees' experiences and satisfaction levels.</p>

2:00 PM – 3:30 PM	<p>Session PS1073.0: Using Oversampling Weights to Improve Health Disparity Research: A Methodological Case Study from Massachusetts' COVID-19 Community Impact Study</p> <p>Member: Health Resources in Action</p> <p>Location: Virtual</p> <p>Abstract: Long-standing systemic inequities put those from racial and ethnic minority and low socioeconomic communities at increased risk of stress, economic deprivation, and negative health impacts during the COVID-19 pandemic. Purposive non-probability-based sampling has the efficiency to reach these highly impacted groups and lends potential for in-depth study of health equity; it is important to balance this efficiency with considerations of representativeness of the sample. The Massachusetts Department of Public Health COVID-19 Community Impact Survey (CCIS) employed non-probabilistic sampling methods to select large samples of residents across a range of priority subpopulations. This session will describe the methodological considerations in applying oversample weights for health equity analysis of CCIS.</p>
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM	<p>Session PS1100.0: Cross-Sector Opportunities: Social Connectedness Bringing About Healthy Change</p> <p>Member: Georgia Health Policy Center</p> <p>Location: Virtual</p> <p>Abstract: The purpose of this presentation is to identify and analyze excellent examples of innovations developed by organizations that are aligning across sectors and strengthening social connectedness to meet health and social needs related to the triple crisis.</p>
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM	<p>Session PS1108.0: County COVID-19 response in Kansas: The Interplay of State and Local Authority</p> <p>Member: Kansas Health Institute</p> <p>Location: Virtual</p> <p>Abstract: At the conclusion of the presentation, participants will be able to: 1) Describe the relationship between state and local public health authority in Kansas; 2) Describe the key legislative changes in Kansas during the pandemic 3) Compare varied Kansas county-level response to COVID-19 at key time points throughout the pandemic.</p>

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM	<p>Session PS1097.0: An Implementation Evaluation of a School-Based Youth Tobacco Intervention Program: How Virtual Programming Influences Participant Engagement and Success.</p> <p>Member: Public Health Management Corporation</p> <p>Location: Virtual</p> <p>Abstract: The American Lung Association’s Intervention for Nicotine Dependence: Education, Prevention, Tobacco and Health (INDEPTH) program is an innovative tobacco and nicotine education intervention program that serves as an alternative to school suspension or expulsion. This program has been evaluated by the Research and Evaluation team at Public Health Management Corporation (PHMC) since 2019. COVID-19 at key time points throughout the pandemic. INDEPTH was initially designed to be implemented in-person in schools or in community settings, however due to challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, program facilitators have pivoted to a virtual modality. Facilitator feedback from 2019-2020 INDEPTH program data has identified some of the ways in which a virtual implementation has affected participant engagement.</p>
<p>Friday, October 22, 2021</p>	
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	<p>Session PS2061.0: Remembering You, Remembering Us: Building Individual and Community Resilience Following Perinatal Loss</p> <p>Member: Public Health Solutions</p> <p>Location: Virtual</p> <p>Abstract: Pregnancy, infant and maternal loss are traumatic events that have significant psychological impacts on families. Remembering You, Remembering Us (RYRU) is a bi-weekly virtual support group, held in English and Spanish, that provides individuals who have experienced pregnancy, maternal or infant loss with access to free peer and professional support. The support groups are inclusive in scope, welcoming any family members who have experienced the loss and professionals who have experienced vicarious trauma related to the loss through their work.</p>

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM	<p>Session PS2076.0: Estimating Eligibility for Lung Cancer Screening by Neighborhood in Philadelphia</p> <p>Member: Public Health Management Corporation</p> <p>Location: Virtual</p> <p>Abstract: The National Lung Screening Trial demonstrated that low-dose computed tomography (LDCT) scans identify lung cancer at earlier stages among high-risk individuals, prompting the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF)'s 2013 recommendation for annual LDCT for people 55 to 80 years old who have a 30 pack-year smoking history and currently smoke or have quit within 15 years. A recent revision in the USPSTF recommendation is anticipated to increase the number of high-risk individuals eligible to receive lung cancer screening (LCS). This study estimated the number and proportion of people eligible for LCS, based on the USPSTF's 2013 recommendations within Philadelphia neighborhoods, and established a baseline to identify changes based on the updated recommendations.</p>
2:30 PM – 4:00 PM	<p>Session PS2109.0: Community Representation: A Health Equity Approach to the Louisiana State Health Assessment</p> <p>Member: Louisiana Public Health Institute</p> <p>Location: Virtual</p> <p>Abstract: The Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) partnered with the Louisiana Public Health Institute (LPHI) to create an equity-centered community engagement strategy for the State Health Assessment (SHA). This innovative assessment approach is grounded in evidence-based practices and health equity frameworks to ensure an equitable, actionable, and accountable SHA. Engagement and promotional mechanisms include a communications, social media and partnership promotional toolkit and virtual meeting materials as well as a participatory data collection approach including an online community survey, community member interviews, public health leader interviews, and an Instagram photovoice campaign.</p>
2:30 PM – 4:00 PM	<p>Session PS2106.0: LGBTQ Youth/Adolescents' Unique Priorities, Resilience, and Support Needs: Youth-Focused Findings from Pennsylvania's Statewide LGBTQ Health Needs Assessment</p> <p>Member: Public Health Management Corporation</p> <p>Location: Virtual</p> <p>Abstract: LGBTQ youth face significant health challenges, putting them at greater risk than straight/cisgender peers and LGBTQ adults. Historically, LGBTQ communities have not been counted in large health/wellness data systems, and when they are, youth are often excluded. These data are especially critical for understanding how parents/guardians and services can better support LGBTQ youth. The Pennsylvania Department of Health, Public Health Management Corporation, and Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center administered the 2020 PA LGBTQ Health Needs Assessment.</p>

Sunday, October 24, 2021

2:30 PM – 2:45 PM

Session 2029.0: [Did COVID-19 Intensify Barriers for People Who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing? Massachusetts COVID-19 Community Impact Survey Findings.](#)

Member: Health Resources in Action

Location: Virtual

Abstract: In the absence of a health equity COVID-19 strategy that includes people who are deaf or hard of hearing, the pandemic may disadvantage this population. The Massachusetts COVID-19 Community Impact Survey (n=33,800) was conducted in September-November 2020 through convenience sampling of adults >25 years and included 920 deaf/hard of hearing respondents. Deaf/hard of hearing respondents were more likely to experience job loss or work reduction/leave than hearing respondents.

4:15 PM – 4:30 PM

Session 2093.0: [Massachusetts' COVID-19 Community Impact Survey \(CCIS\): An Innovative Approach to Prioritizing Health Equity in State Level COVID-19 Data Collection Efforts.](#)

Member: Health Resources in Action

Location: Virtual

Abstract: Traditional health surveillance systems were not adequately capturing the full scope of the pandemic due to a lack of pandemic specific items, lagging data availability, and insufficient sample size for subpopulation analyses. The Massachusetts Department of Public Health deployed the COVID-19 Community Impact Survey (CCIS) in collaboration with community based partners to identify: 1) the most pressing social, health, and economic impacts of the pandemic, and 2) which populations were most impacted.

Monday, October 25, 2021

<p>10:45 AM – 11:00 AM</p>	<p>Session 3035.0: Effective Surge Response to Public Health Staffing Needs: Three Organizations Creating Solutions for Puerto Rico</p> <p>Member: Puerto Rico Public Health Trust</p> <p>Location: Colorado Convention Center – 407</p> <p>Abstract: During a public health emergency, the importance of rapidly and efficiently increasing public health services is critical to address citizens' increased needs. In Puerto Rico (PR), organizations joined in responding quickly and creatively to scale up staffing needs throughout a crisis. After the devastating hurricanes in 2017, three organizations aligned to expedite hiring, onboarding, and maintaining professional staff. This presentation will share our positive and challenging experiences- focusing on lessons learned, engagement, communication, role definition, and exit planning.</p>
<p>12:30 PM – 1:45 PM</p>	<p>Session 3076.0: Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Mental Health and Access to Care: Results from the Massachusetts COVID-19 Community Impact Survey</p> <p>Member: Health Resources in Action</p> <p>Location: Virtual</p> <p>Abstract: The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted mental health across the population, but traditionally underserved groups and those with previous persistent poor mental have been especially affected. Existing data sources do not provide adequate demographic or geographic granularity to understand the scope of these inequities. The Massachusetts COVID-19 Community Impact Survey (n=33,800) mobilized a network of community partners and leveraged a snowballing approach to ensure that adequate sample size was reached among key populations including people of color, LGBTQ+ individuals, and people with disabilities.</p>
<p>12:30 PM – 1:45 PM</p>	<p>Session 3060.0: AIANNH Caucus: Defining Holistic Health and Wellness Approaches for Our People</p> <p>Member: American Indian Public Health Resource Center</p> <p>Location: Virtual</p> <p>Abstract: Join a virtual roundtable of the American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Caucus with a variety of presentations.</p>

2:30 PM – 2:45 PM	<p>Session 3107.0: Training and Supporting Local Public Health Departments to Change Community-Wide Narratives on the Causal Link Between ACEs and Substance Use</p> <p>Member: Michigan Public Health Institute and National Network of Public Health Institutes</p> <p>Location: Virtual</p> <p>Abstract: The National Network of Public Health Institutes and the Michigan Public Health Institute, in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, local partners and Vanderbilt University, supported a three-year initiative to promote primary prevention of ACEs as a strategy to prevent future substance use in three midwestern communities. To build support for changing the conditions in which children and families live, community organizers, public health practitioners, and their partners implemented narrative change as a strategy and theory of change. This innovative partnership approach involved creating a shared, values-based narrative and implementing it within their networks to increase support for addressing conditions that contribute to ACEs and substance abuse. Community partners worked to disseminate their new narratives, from an emphasis on individual responsibility to a focus on conditions that may lessen the risk of ACEs, especially among populations that have faced historical and ongoing trauma, including racism. Narrative change as a strategy builds on secondary prevention efforts (e.g., treatment) and can bring needed action on comprehensive approaches supporting children and families.</p>
4:00 PM – 4:15 PM	<p>Session 3150.0: Substance Use, Tobacco, and Mental Health Disparities Faced by LGBTQ Communities: Findings from a Large LGBTQ Needs Assessment</p> <p>Member: Public Health Management Corporation</p> <p>Location: Colorado Convention Center – 205</p> <p>Abstract: While national and statewide surveillance tools are not yet fully inclusive of LGBTQ communities, LGBTQ health remains at risk for not being discussed or prioritized. To gather data and bring attention to LGBTQ health needs, Pennsylvania completed its second statewide bi-annual LGBTQ Health Needs Assessment. The Pennsylvania Department of Health, Public Health Management Corporation, and Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center administered the 2020 PA LGBTQ Health Needs Assessment. In Spring 2020, the anonymous, online, English/Spanish, purposive snowball survey launched with local LGBTQ organization support.</p>

4:10 PM – 4:20 PM	<p>Session 3151.0: Illuminating Inherent Tribal Systems Alignment through Practice-Based Research</p> <p>Member: Seven Directions, A Center for Indigenous Public Health</p> <p>Location: Virtual</p> <p>Abstract: Indigenous Healing and Health Systems: Revitalizing Inherent Alignment is a 2-year collaborative project between Seven Directions, an Indigenous public health institute at the University of Washington, Red Star International, Inc and American Indian (AI) nations & tribal consortium serving entities, funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF). This is an exploratory study of cross sector alignment within tribal systems. Cross sector alignment refers to the components and processes of integration of health and health related programs and service within a tribal system. We are studying the Georgia Health Policy Institute's Aligning Systems framework for cultural and practice fit and defining inherent alignment from an Indigenous knowledge and worldview perspective.</p>
4:30 PM – 4:40 PM	<p>Session 3151.0: Gathering Grounds: An Indigenous Community of Practice Built for Collaboration and Coordination within Indigenous Public Health</p> <p>Member: Seven Directions, A Center for Indigenous Public Health</p> <p>Location: Virtual</p> <p>Abstract: Gathering Grounds, Indigenous Community of Practice, is dedicated to creating a space for collaboration, resource exchange, and discussion of Indigenous, community-centered practices within the Indigenous public health setting. Communities of practice are "groups of people who share a concern, a set of problems, or a passion about a topic, and who deepen their knowledge and expertise in this area by interacting on an ongoing basis." Gathering Grounds, facilitated by Seven Directions, Center for Indigenous Public Health, offers an opportunity to connect tribal and urban Indian public health practitioners working within Indigenous public health and contribute powerfully to community, culturally driven health systems strengthening. During this presentation, we will use our Gathering Grounds principles to discuss our community of practice, expanding Indigenous Communities of Practice, and our strategies for connecting and building relationships virtually.</p>

4:45 PM – 5:00 PM	<p>Session 3150.0: Working with People Who Use Stimulants: Harm Reduction Strategies and Best Practices</p> <p>Member: Health Resources in Action</p> <p>Location: Colorado Convention Center – 205</p> <p>Abstract: Harm reduction is defined as a set of practical strategies aimed at reducing negative consequences associated with drug use; it is also a movement for social justice built on the belief in and respect for the rights of people who use drugs – which must include PWUS. From a public health perspective, harm reduction advances health equity, addresses racial disparities, and upholds justice and autonomy. This session will provide a framework and overview of the challenges faced by PWUS, promising practices organizations can implement, and how programs and agencies can adapt their policies and practices to support PWUS. For the past several years, Health Resources in Action (a Boston-based non-profit public health institute), has provided opioid overdose response and harm reduction trainings, including “Working with People Who Use Stimulants”. These services are funded by Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration’s State Opioid Response Grant, administered through the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. This project has expanded to offer provider trainings on best practices for working with people who use stimulants.</p>
<p>Tuesday, October 26, 2021</p>	
8:45 AM – 9:00 AM	<p>Session 4003.0: Freedom from Smoking (FFS) Virtual Clinic Evaluation: Examining Feedback on Remote Cessation Programs</p> <p>Member: Public Health Management Corporation</p> <p>Location: Virtual</p> <p>Abstract: The American Lung Association’s (ALA) Freedom From Smoking (FFS) program helps tobacco users overcome nicotine addiction. The cessation program is provided by trained FFS Facilitators at locations across the U.S. through in-person, group clinics. In response to COVID-19, the traditional in-person format shifted to online, virtual format in accordance with health and safety guidelines. The Research & Evaluation Group (R&E Group) at Public Health Management Corporation (PHMC) is ALA’s evaluation partner and assessed impacts from this change in programming. R&E Group distributed an online survey comprised of open- and closed-ended questions to facilitators. The survey assessed resource needs, virtual program effectiveness, barriers to virtual implementation, and overall satisfaction. Mixed methods were used to analyze responses.</p>

<p>9:00 AM – 9:15 AM</p>	<p>Session 4012.0: A Scoping Review of Racial Health Equity in Community Collaborations: Considerations for Conceptualization and Measurement</p> <p>Member: Georgia Health Policy Center</p> <p>Location: Colorado Convention Center - 202</p> <p>Abstract: This scoping review will assess the context of racial health equity in community collaborative initiatives and what measures exist that evaluate racial health equity. In this examination, we are able to take stock of tools that may be utilized by various collaboratives in their efforts to improve racial health equity.</p>
<p>10:45 AM – 11:00 AM</p>	<p>Session 4055.2: Advancing Racial and Health Equity in Michigan</p> <p>Member: Michigan Public Health Institute</p> <p>Location: Virtual</p> <p>Abstract: The Michigan Public Health Institute helps those who work in public health and related fields reduce the likelihood that people are disadvantaged because of their race, class, or gender. This is done in a variety of ways including workshops and learning labs that illuminate racism, classism, and other types of oppression as root causes of health inequity – using conceptual frameworks, application to real-life scenarios, and case studies. This session will describe how this has been applied to work with Michigan’s state government, including success factors and lessons learned along the way.</p>
<p>10:45 AM – 11:00 AM</p>	<p>Session 4055.2: California’s Capitol Collaborative on Race and Equity (CCORE): A Public-Private Partnership</p> <p>Member: Public Health Institute</p> <p>Location: Virtual</p> <p>Abstract: The Health in All Policies (HiAP) Program at the Public Health Institute (PHI) is a national and global leader in embedding health and racial equity strategies in government practices. This presentation will highlight lessons learned from embedding racial and health equity into state operations through partnerships with over 30 state government agencies across fields as diverse as transportation, social services, fire and forestry, housing, education, environment, and conservation. Much of this has happened through the Capitol Collaborative on Race and Equity (CCORE), which tackles both internal organizational practices and external impacts on the communities that government serves, and uses public-private partnerships to leverage resources, maintain momentum, and navigate the highly political environment of state government.</p>

11:30 AM – 11:45 AM	<p>Session 4080.0: Results from the Inaugural Cohort of the Northwest Public Health & Primary Care Leadership Institute During the COVID-19 Pandemic</p> <p>Member: Northwest Center for Public Health Practice</p> <p>Location: Virtual</p> <p>Abstract: The Northwest Public Health & Primary Care Leadership Institute is a new offering from the Northwest Center for Public Health Practice and Northwest Regional Primary Care Association. Launched in 2020, it builds on the existing training programs of these organizations and, as we understand, is the first of its kind. The Institute uses problem-based learning and an equity lens to build leadership skills and strengthen ties between public health and primary care professionals and organizations to advance community prevention efforts. We will present lessons learned for co-developing a Leadership Institute among partner organizations and changes made to adapt to the ever-evolving COVID-19 pandemic during the inaugural cohort.</p>
12:30 PM – 1:45 PM	<p>Session 4134.0: Partnering Across Sectors to Improve Access to Family Planning Services</p> <p>Member: Louisiana Public Health Institute</p> <p>Location: Virtual</p> <p>Abstract: The Reproductive Health Integration Initiative (RHII) is a partnership between the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) and the Louisiana Public Health Institute (LPHI). The initiative seeks to improve access to patient-centered, high-quality family planning services by integrating them into established primary care practices. This presentation will describe the resources, actions, and policies that RHII has used to address the unmet reproductive health needs of Louisiana residents. In this session, we will describe the unique partnership between a state health department and a public health institute and the strengths that both organizations bring to the project. LDH leverages the financial and regulatory mechanisms of their grant from the federal Title X program to provide resources and evidence-based guidelines for service delivery.</p>

12:30 PM – 1:45 PM	<p>Session 4110.0: Leveraging Assessment, Planning, and Innovation to Support Michigan’s Older Adult Population and Create an Age-Friendly Public Health System.</p> <p>Member: Michigan Public Health Institute</p> <p>Location: Virtual</p> <p>Abstract: This session will describe how Michigan is aligning multiple initiatives to advance the health and wellbeing of older adults. First, in 2019 Michigan joined the AARP Network of Age-Friendly states; the 5th state to join. Michigan’s Adult and Aging Services Administration (AASA) is leading this initiative and incorporated age-friendly work into its 2020-2022 State Plan on Aging. Second, the State Plan on Aging was grounded in authentic community and stakeholder voice and designed from a population health perspective with health equity and diversity at the core of the design process. Additionally, the process to develop the State Plan on Aging was designed around AARP’s 8 Domains of Livability. Third, Michigan received funding from the Michigan Health Endowment Fund (MHEF) to partner with Trust for America’s Health (TFAH) to create an Age-Friendly Public Health System, is directly informed by the goals created by the State Plan on Aging. Finally, Michigan received federal emergency COVID-19 funds to complete a No Wrong Door System ADRC Rapid Assessment, focused on identifying critical capacity gaps across the aging and disabilities sector, compounded by COVID-19. Assessment findings are in the process of being used to deploy available funding at the local level to fill capacity gaps. This presentation will highlight unique cross-sector partnerships, describe methods of engagement, and depict how aging leaders joined together to systematically align efforts to improve the health of older adults.</p>
12:30 PM – 1:45 PM	<p>Session 4116.0: Creating a Community Health Workers Program in Puerto Rico after a Disaster: Integration and Collaboration</p> <p>Member: Puerto Rico Public Health Trust</p> <p>Location: Virtual</p> <p>Abstract: We developed an innovative capacity-building program for Community Health Promoters (CHPs) in Puerto Rico following Hurricanes Irma and María. We learned from a rapid needs assessment that barriers to access to health care in our communities resulted from lack of transportation, food insecurity, inadequate housing and other social determinants of health. We aim to demonstrate the impact of CHPs in improving health outcomes and strengthening resiliency for disasters among underserved, medically fragile participants with chronic conditions by integrating social determinants of health to optimal healthcare.</p>

2:00 PM – 2:15 PM	<p>Session 4153.0: Social Connectedness as a Tool for Community and Individual Healing in Gun Violence Intervention</p> <p>Member: Health Resources in Action</p> <p>Location: Virtual</p> <p>Abstract: Drawing on promising practices in large (Boston, Massachusetts, and Atlanta, Georgia) and small (Lowell, Massachusetts, and others) cities affected by violence, this session will offer specific strategies for community and individual healing that press on the lever of social connectedness and relationship building. Special focus will be placed on integrated strategies such as circle practices, which can be implemented for individual healing and community building alike.</p>
2:15 PM – 2:30 PM	<p>Session 4164.0: Prevention Through Partnerships: Leveraging Medicaid Managed Care Organizations in Scaling and Sustaining Chronic Disease Prevention Programs</p> <p>Member: Illinois Public Health Institute</p> <p>Location: Colorado Convention Center – 406</p> <p>Abstract: In this presentation, NACDD and its state partners from Illinois, Michigan, and Virginia will describe their work piloting referral, delivery, and reimbursement systems within Medicaid managed care. Participants can use the information, lessons learned, and strategies presented to work with MCOs to successfully scale and sustain chronic disease prevention programs.</p>
2:30 PM – 2:45 PM	<p>Session 4163.0: Equity Informed Agile Leadership at the Local Level: Teams that Transcend Boundaries</p> <p>Member: Public Health Institute</p> <p>Location: Virtual</p> <p>Abstract: The future of public health requires leaders who can adapt to real world events, such as COVID-19 and the racial/social justice movement, in partnership with their communities, in order to create a more equitable future. Evidence shows that sustained collaboration is a key ingredient for both policy and systems level change. Ten years ago, the Center for Health Leadership and Management (CHLM) at the Public Health Institute (PHI) launched the National Leadership Academy for the Public's Health (NLAPH) to improve community health and achieve health equity. This session will focus on three case studies of NLAPH alumni teams – Cross-sector coalition building in Colorado, Improving educational outcomes in Washington and Supporting policy change for health, climate and environmental justice in California. Each of these case studies explores the NLAPH approach with the local multi-sector effort. As a whole they show the long-lasting impact and value of this transformational work across a variety of readiness levels, and issue areas.</p>

Wednesday, October 27, 2021

9:00 AM – 9:15 AM	<p>Session 5040.0: The Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Massachusetts Workers: Findings From the COVID-19 Community Impact Survey</p> <p>Member: Health Resources in Action</p> <p>Location: Virtual</p> <p>Abstract: Following a state of emergency declared in Massachusetts in March 2020 to address the COVID-19 pandemic, the economy has reopened in phases. Our objective was to assess the impact of the pandemic on Massachusetts workers through analysis of risk factors for work-related SARS-CoV-2 exposure and pandemic-related employment changes. We used data from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health’s COVID-19 Community Impact Survey (CCIS), an online survey administered to Massachusetts residents from September-November 2020. The impact of the pandemic on Massachusetts workers has been severe. Certain industry groups and subpopulations were at increased risk of exposure by virtue of WOH and having less access to workplace protections.</p>
10:30 AM – 10:45 AM	<p>Session: 5060.0: Diabetes Prevention Programming During the COVID-19 Pandemic: Assessing the Experiences of Community-Based Lifestyle Coaches in Pennsylvania</p> <p>Member: Public Health Management Corporation</p> <p>Location: Colorado Convention Center – 202</p> <p>Abstract: The Research & Evaluation Group (R&E Group) at Public Health Management Corporation serves as the lead evaluator for the Pennsylvania Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP) initiative, including data collection and analysis for Coach trainings and overall successes. The COVID-19 Pandemic shifted DPP from in-person to virtual delivery, warranting a need to assess program impacts and Coach experiences. In September 2020, R&E Group created an online assessment for Lifestyle Coaches throughout the Commonwealth. The survey gathered feedback on Coach experiences throughout the year, identified virtual program needs, and assessed the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on DPP efforts.</p>

1:00 PM – 1:15 PM	<p>Session 5113.0: Lessons from Southwest Houston's Community Survey Initiative on the Social Determinants of Health</p> <p>Member: Texas Health Institute</p> <p>Location: Colorado Convention Center – 204</p> <p>Abstract: Southwest Houston is among the nation’s most racially and ethnically diverse communities, rich in culture and history, yet facing a confluence of social, economic, and health challenges. Since 2010, the condition of Southwest Houstonians has worsened, with high rates of uninsured (45%) and poverty (29%), and rates of some chronic diseases that have increased four-folds. With support from Memorial Hermann Community Benefit Corporation, Texas Health Institute (THI) conducted the first-of-its-kind community survey initiative to: (1) collect primary data capturing the realities and experiences of communities on the social determinants of health; (2) engage and build capacity of community organizations to participate in health and policy change efforts; and (3) to provide actionable data to drive cross-sector action for population health improvement.</p>
2:30 PM – 2:45 PM	<p>Session 5112.0: Aligning Systems for Health: Lessons from Two Years of Research and Practice</p> <p>Member: Georgia Health Policy Center</p> <p>Location: Virtual</p> <p>Abstract: In July 2020, GHPC released “A Theory of Change for Aligning Health Care, Public Health, and Social Services in the Time of COVID-19” in the American Journal of Public Health which guided the project’s work through summer 2020. This presentation will highlight ongoing learning from the project’s 17 research grants and insights from a national community of practice. Special attention will be given to the impacts of COVID-19 and how the pandemic has created greater attention around equity, trust, the importance of community voices, and the role of power.</p>